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Request

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Request description

Please provide us, within twenty working days, 1 copies of all electronic mail sent to or from (including also as cc: or bcc:) i) Earthea Nance, ii) Delia Iris Gonzalez, iii) Stacey Dwyer, iv) Brandon Maples, v) Sona Chaudhary, vi) Arnold Bierschenk and/or vii) Ken Johnson (johnson.ken-e@epa.gov) which is dated at any time from July 1, 2022 through March 24, 2023, inclusive, that also mentions, anywhere, whether in a To, From, cc:, bcc: or Subject field, email body or attachment, one or more of the following: i) @All4energy.org, ii) @CIEL.org, iii) @m4bl.org, and/or iv) @gcclp.org. These terms are not case-sensitive. We request entire “threads” of which any responsive electronic correspondence is a part, regardless of whether any portion falls outside of the above time parameter. To narrow this request, please consider as non-responsive electronic correspondence that merely receives newsletters, or press releases, or press summaries or ‘clippings’, such as news services or stories or opinion pieces from the original source. Please note that this is a discrete request.

Supporting documentation

Additional Information	3.23.23 USEPA R6 Pressure Group FOIA Request.pdf
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Fees

Request category ID	media
Fee waiver	no

A. The Subject of This Request Concerns “the Operations and Activities of the Government.” The subject matter of this request concerns the interactions between certain senior officials with several pressure groups seeking to influence Agency decision making. This is always of substantial public interest. B. Disclosure is “Likely to Contribute” to an Understanding of Government Operations or Activities. As described, above, the requested records are meaningfully informative about government operations or activities and will contribute to an increased understanding of those operations and activities by the public. The requested records pertain to that described in “A”, immediately above. Any records responsive to this request therefore are likely to have an informative value and are “likely to contribute to an understanding of Federal government operations or activities”. We note President Biden's environmental agenda has been the subject of substantial media interest and promotional efforts and the issues on which these senior officials and the named pressure groups work are also the subject of substantial media efforts *by the Agency and those groups*. Disclosure of the requested records will allow EPA to convey to the public information about the interaction between pressure groups and the agency. Once the information is made available, EPA will analyze it and present it to its followers and the general public in a manner that will meaningfully enhance the public’s understanding of this topic. Thus, the requested records are likely to contribute to an understanding of government operations and activities. C. Disclosure of the Requested Records Will Contribute to a Reasonably Broad Audience of Interested Persons’ Understanding of Agency Interaction With Certain Pressure Groups Seeking to Influence Agency Decisionmaking For reasons already described, the requested records will contribute to public understanding of the advice provided to an independent agency by a non-governmental organization. As explained above, the records will contribute to public understanding of this topic. Through EPA’s synthesis and dissemination (by means discussed in Section II, below), disclosure of information contained and gleaned from the requested records will contribute to a broad audience of persons who are interested in the subject matter. Indeed, the public does not currently have an ability to easily evaluate any aspect of the particular coordination reflected in the requested records. We are also unaware of any previous release to the public of these or similar records. Disclosure of these records is not only “likely to contribute,” but is certain to contribute, to public understanding of this described coordination. The

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Expedited processing

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